

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification, as indicated:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] One might expect that inbound forwarded calls could be identified using caller ID. However, caller ID only provides the original call party number, when available, and not the intermediate phone numbers through which the call has been forwarded. Assuming that the calling party number is available through caller ID, the phone number might be used by the subscriber to determine whether the call was forwarded or dialed directly. However, the determination, in this case, is unreliable. A co-worker may dial the subscriber's office phone after hours just to leave a message. The co-worker would not expect that the call would be answered. In this case, the subscriber might let the call forward to a voice mail service or allow an answering machine to pick up the call. However, what if it were an emergency and the co-worker dialed the subscriber's home number directly? The subscriber might not answer the call, not recognizing the urgency of the inbound call. As such, in these typical systems, the subscriber cannot ~~differentiate~~ differentiate direct inbound calls from calls forwarded through another number.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] The SSP 206 may make a query to a service control point (SCP) 210 via a signal transfer point (STP) 208. The STP 208 may be used to route messages between the SSP 206 and SCP 210. The STP 208 routes messages between networking elements. The SSP 206 may query the SCP 210 upon receiving a call termination attempt message to check for call features such as voicemail, call-forwarding, and other telephone service related features. The call termination attempt message and the query associated with the call termination attempt may include a ~~callers~~ caller's network address, the receiving phone network address and if the call has been redirected, the phone network address through which the call was redirected (redirected phone address). The SCP 210 receives the query and determines whether the call has been redirected. If the call has been redirected and a redirected call ring feature is active for the receiving phone network

address, the SCP 210 may direct the SSP 206 to utilize a distinctive ring, indicating that the call has been redirected. If the call has not been redirected, and is dialed direct to the receiving phone or if the redirected call ring feature is not active, the call may be initialized utilizing a generic ring.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] The SCP 302 may also include logic 314. Logic 314 may comprise software, hardware, ~~of~~ or a combination of software and hardware. Logic 314 may act to receive call termination attempt queries and may perform various functions associated with features activated for the network address to which the call attempt is being made. Also, if the redirect call ring feature is active, the logic 314 may initiate distinctive rings for redirected calls.